

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the last Office Action Claim 6 was objected to as being in improper form because of multiple dependencies. Claims 3 and 6 have been amended whereby each of these two claims depends only from Claim 1.

In the last Office Action, Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite since the claiming of a broad range with a narrow range is indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended to delete the narrow limitation “in particular for launching or hauling out a tender or similar craft”. Claims 1-7 inclusive have also been amended to correct the phrase “the said” throughout the claims to --said--.

Since Claims 1-5 and 7 were indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter it is respectfully requested that Claims 1-7 inclusive be allowed and the application passed to issue forthwith.

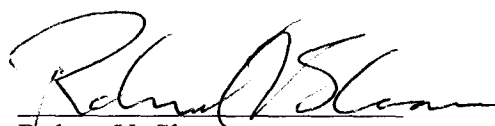
If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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